Setting up of Hotel Management Institution at Guwahati

1733. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an institution for Hotel Management at Guwahati so as to cater to the needs of the aspiring youths of the North-Eastern region; and

(b) if so, by when the institution is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government has already set up a Foodcraft Institute at Guwahati in 1984 for imparting craft level training in various trades connected with the hotel industry. These training facilities are expected to cater to the needs of the aspiring youth of the North-Eastern region. The question of upgrading this Institute to a hotel management Institute can be considered after the State Government has provided the necessary land and buildings and also depending on the availability of funds and *inter se* priorities.

Working of CCI & E

1734. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports has been criticised recently by various sections of the Press and other organisations;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are considering an increase in the licensing fee and if so, what are the details of the proposed scales in this regard;

(d) what are the details of the penalties amounting to Rs. 18 crores, alongwith the names of the defaulters and the amount in each case and whether the amounts have been paid; and

(e) what are the names of the 121 firms which are in the defaulters' list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) An article in Saturday Times 'Supplement of Times of India' dated 13-6-1987, has come to Government's notice.

(b) A copy of the said article is enclosed at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 80].

(c) Yes, Sir. The details cannot be disclosed at this stage.

(d) A list indicating the names of the firms on whom penalty has been imposed, amount in each case; amount realised and pending is at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 81].

(e) Government is not aware of 121 firms on the defaulters' list. However, 235 firms were declared defaulters on the basis of advance licences issued in 1982-83, 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Ban on Entry of Foreign Tourists into Assam

1735. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not lifting the ban on the entry of foreign tourists into Assam;

(b) what is the estimated annual loss of revenue on this account; and

(c) by when the ban is likely to be lifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Foreign tourists in groups are permited to Visit Kaziranga *via* Gauhati after obtaining Restricted Area